

Status of Resolution of Reported Frauds

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Department of Fish and Wildlife

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6222	1	Finding:	Public funds were misappropriated at the Vancouver Regional Office.
		Fraud Amount:	\$14,892
		Recovery to Date:	\$0

Action/Status: Department of Fish and Wildlife (F&W) personnel discovered this fraud and notified the State Auditor's Office (SAO).

F&W has taken the following corrective action:

- ☞ Assigned staff to analyze the situation and assist the regional office staff.
- ☞ Consulted with SAO regarding the implementation of required internal controls.
- ☞ Trained regional office staff on proper handling of cash receipts.
- ☞ Restricted access to the safe and relevant documents.
- ☞ Performed internal reviews at all regional offices.
- ☞ Installed additional cash registers improve separation of duties.
- ☞ Implemented a new automated recreational fishing and hunting license system that will reduce the potential for mishandling of public funds.

Criminal action taken: This matter has been referred to the Clark County Prosecuting Attorney for any action deemed appropriate.

Personnel action taken: The employee resigned.

Amount to be recovered: \$14,892

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